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Agrément Certificate

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Product Sheet 7

NEWTON WATERPROOFING SYSTEMS

NEWTON 803 NEWTONITE

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet⁽¹⁾ relates to Newton 803 Newtonite, a moulded HDPE membrane incorporating a polypropylene mesh as a key for plaster, render or dry lining applied on plaster dabs, for use as damp-proofing on walls, over a contaminated or damp background.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production[†]
- formal three-yearly review.[†]



KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

Resistance to water and water vapour — the membrane is water resistant and has a high resistance to water vapour transmission (see section 6).

Resistance to salt transfer — the membrane provides an effective barrier to the transmission of salts or other contaminants from the substrate (see section 8).

Properties in relation to fire — the membrane has not been classified in accordance with BS EN 13501-1 : 2018 and its use is restricted under the national Building Regulations in some cases (see section 9).

Resistance to impact — the membrane, plastered, rendered or dry-lined, has a satisfactory resistance to soft and hard body impacts (see section 10).

Durability — under normal conditions of use the membrane, when used as part of a system, will provide an effective barrier to the transmission of salts, liquid water and water vapour for the life of the structure in which it is incorporated (see section 13).

The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the product described herein. This product has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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Hardy Giesler
Chief Executive Officer

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Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, Newton 803 Newtonite, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations (the presence of a UK map indicates that the subject is related to the Building Regulations in the region or regions of the UK depicted):



The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

Requirement:	B3(4)	Internal fire spread – structure
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See section 9.1 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	B4(1)	External fire spread
Comment:		The product is restricted by this Requirement. See section 9 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	C2(a)(b)	Resistance to moisture
Comment:		The product, when used as part of a system, adequately resists the passage of moisture. See section 6 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	7(1)	Materials and workmanship
Comment:		The products are acceptable. See section 13 and the <i>installation</i> part of this Certificate.



The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation:	8(1)	Durability, workmanship and fitness of materials
Comment:		The product is acceptable. See section 13 and the Installation part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	9	Building standards applicable to construction
Standard:	2.4	Cavities
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Standard with respect to clause 2.4.2 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . See section 9.1 of this Certificate.
Standard:	3.4	Moisture from the ground
Comment:		The product adequately resists the passage of moisture with reference to clauses 3.4.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 3.4.2 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 3.4.5 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 3.4.6 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and 3.4.7 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ of this Standard. See section 6 of this Certificate.
Standard:	3.6(a)	Surface water drainage
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Standard, with reference to clause 3.6.3 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . See section 6.1 of this Certificate.
Standard:	3.10	Precipitation
Comment:		The product, when used as part of a system, adequately resists the passage of moisture, with reference to clause 3.10.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . See section 6 of this Certificate.
Standard:	7.1(a)	Statement of sustainability
Comment:		The product can contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6 and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard.
Regulation:	12	Building standards applicable to conversions
Comment:		Comments in relation to the product under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6 also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and Schedule 6 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ .

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended)

Regulation:	23(a)(i)	Fitness of materials and workmanship
Comment:	(iii)(b)(i)	The product is acceptable. See section 13 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	28(a)(b)	Resistance to moisture and weather
Comment:		The product, when used as part of a system, adequately resists the passage of moisture. See section 6 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	35(4)	Internal fire spread - structure
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Regulation. See section 9.1 of this Certificate.

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including Principal Contractor) to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See sections: 1 *Description* (1.1) of this Certificate.

Additional Information

NHBC Standards 2021

In the opinion of the BBA, Newton 803 Newtonite, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to *NHBC Standards, 5.2 Suspended ground floors*.

In the opinion of the BBA, use of the product on existing structures, if installed and used in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to *NHBC Standards for Conversions and Renovations*, taking account of other relevant guidance within the chapter and the suitability of the substrate to receive the product.

CE marking

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of CE marking the product in accordance with harmonised European standard BS EN 13967 : 2012.

1 Description

1.1 Newton 803 Newtonite membrane is a white, translucent high-density polyethylene (HDPE) sheet with moulded studs at 28 mm centres. It has a woven polypropylene mesh thermally bonded to the membrane on the face side to form a key for plaster and render finishes. The membrane is manufactured to the nominal characteristics given in Table 1.

Characteristic (unit)	Newton 803 Newtonite
Thickness (mm)	0.5
Dome height (mm)	3.0
Weight per unit area ($\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$)	0.5
Roll length (m)	10.0, 20.0
Roll width (m)	1.0 ⁽¹⁾ , 2.0 ⁽²⁾
Weight per roll (kg)	5 ⁽¹⁾ , 20 ⁽²⁾
Air gap volume (litres per m^2)	1.56
Watertightness 60 kPa	Pass
Compressive strength ($\text{kN}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$)	320

(1) 10 m length.

(2) 20 m length.

1.2 Ancillary items used with the membrane and included in this assessment are:

- Newton Mesh Plugs — brown or blue polypropylene fixing plugs with a 50 mm diameter retaining head and 50 mm long grooved shank for securing the membrane to the wall
- Newton Waterseal Tape — black butyl tape for sealing joints in the membrane
- Newton Waterseal Rope — black butyl beading for sealing the air gap around pipes and the edges of the membrane, and joining floor and wall membranes
- Newton 800 Mesh Tape — a butyl tape strip 150 mm wide incorporating a woven geofabric on one side to act as a plaster key
- Newton Mastic Sealer — silicone sealant for sealing the Newton membranes, where necessary
- Newton 800 Profile Strip — a white recycled-plastic edging strip used as a plaster or render stop bead at the bottom of installations.

1.3 Ancillary item used with the membranes and included in this assessment are:

- Newton MultiPlug — a dark blue plastic plug supplied with preformed rubber seal, for use in masonry walls and concrete. The plug acts as a waterproof wall plug for securing the membrane to the wall. Battens, independent wall lining systems or wall ties can be secured into the head of the plug without having to make additional holes through the membrane.

2 Manufacture

2.1 The membrane is formed in a continuous process in which HDPE is extruded into sheets and the studs are impression-formed. A woven polypropylene mesh is then thermally bonded onto the face side of the membrane.

2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

2.3 The management systems of Newton Waterproofing Systems have been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BES 6001 by BRE Global Certification (Certificate RS0057).

3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 The membrane is delivered to site in rolls packaged in woven plastic sacks, bearing the product and Certificate holder's name, and the BBA logo incorporating the number of this Certificate.

3.2 Rolls should be stored on end, under cover and protected from sharp objects, sunlight and high temperatures.

3.3 The packaging details of the ancillary items are shown in Table 2.

Table 2 Packaging details

Item	Dimensions/volume	Packaging/quantity
Newton Mesh Plug	50 mm diameter head 50 mm long (use 7 or 8 mm drill bit depending on the quality of the substrate)	160 or 250 per bag
Newton Multiplug	25 mm diameter head 57 mm long (use 10 mm drill bit)	bags of 100
Newton Waterseal Tape	22.5 m long x 30 mm wide x 2 mm thick	12 rolls per box
Newton Waterseal Rope	4.75 m long x 10 mm diameter	12 rolls per box
Newton 800 Mesh Tape	150 mm x 10 m	packs of 20
Newton Mastic Sealer	0.4 litre cartridge	25 cartridges per carton
Newton 800 Profile Strip	2 m lengths	packs of 20

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on Newton 803 Newtonite.

Design Considerations

4 Use

Newton 803 Newtonite is satisfactory for damp-proofing above-ground walls in new construction or in existing buildings over a contaminated or damp background. The membrane can be used as where space saving is a consideration. It can support plastering, rendering or a dry lining fixed by plaster dabs (where appropriate) in the following situations:

- on existing damp walls
- in conjunction with a remedial dpc system where the walls have a high salt content and/or when it is necessary to complete the installation immediately without allowing a period for initial drying
- over walls which have a friable or painted surface, are contaminated with oil or mould, or have a high salt content.

5 Practicability of installation

The membrane is designed to be installed by a competent general builder, or a contractor, experienced with this type of product.

6 Resistance to water and water vapour



The membrane is water resistant and has a high resistance to water vapour transmission.

7 Risk of condensation

The generation and dispersal of moisture in the internal environment must be controlled, and appropriate and robust designs must be selected to minimise the risk of both surface and interstitial condensation. The product has a very high resistance to vapour diffusion and this should be taken into account in any calculation of condensation risk.

8 Resistance to salt transfer

The membrane provides an effective barrier to the transmission of salts or other contaminants from the substrate.

9 Properties in relation to fire



9.1 The membrane has not been classified in accordance with BS EN 13501-1 : 2018. Where the product forms the face of a cavity, the permissible area of use and the spacing of cavity barriers are restricted by the national Building Regulations.



9.2 When used as part of the external wall above ground level the membranes should not be used on buildings in England and Wales that have a storey at least 18 m above ground level and contain: one or more dwellings, an institution, a room for residential purposes (excluding any room in a hostel, hotel or boarding house), student accommodation, care homes, sheltered housing, hospitals or dormitories in boarding schools.

10 Resistance to impact

The membrane, plastered, rendered or dry lined has a satisfactory resistance to soft and hard body impacts.

11 Wall-mounted fittings

Wall-mounted fittings (apart from lightweight items such as framed pictures) should be fixed (using recommended proprietary fixings) through the membrane and lining board, plaster or render to the loadbearing structure behind. Holes made in the membrane must be filled with Newton Mastic Sealer before inserting the fixing to ensure a watertight seal is achieved.

12 Maintenance

As the membrane is confined within a wall or floor space and has suitable durability (see section 13), maintenance is not required.

13 Durability



Under normal conditions of use the membrane, when used as part of a system, will provide an effective barrier to the transmission of salts, liquid water and water vapour for the life of the structure in which it is incorporated.

14 Reuse and recyclability

The product comprises HDPE and polypropylene, which can be recycled.

15 Survey

15.1 Where conditions are damp, a full survey by a specialist damp-proofing surveyor is necessary to diagnose the cause and to establish if treatment is required.

15.2 If rising damp to above-ground elevations is found, a remedial treatment is conducted in accordance with the relevant Agrément Certificate, BS 6576 : 2005 and the Property Care Association Code of Practice, 2013.

15.3 Appropriate remedial measures must be taken to rectify major causes of damp conditions or water ingress, and to repair structural defects.

16 Surface preparation

16.1 Any unsound plaster or render is removed to expose the substrate, which is cleaned with a stiff brush to remove loose material, laitance, salt residue, mould or adhesive. If mould is present, the substrate is treated with an HSE approved fungicidal wash.

16.2 Uneven wall substrates should be dubbed out with a cement-sand (1:4) render. They should be allowed to dry thoroughly before applying the membrane.

17 Procedure

17.1 Installation of Newton 803 Newtonite membrane usually commences at the top of the construction. The membrane may require initial fixing along the upper edge of a wall, prior to final fixing. Joints may be made horizontally or vertically. Joints are created by butt jointing the two edges together and then oversealing the joints with Newton Mesh Tape.

17.2 Fixings are made through the membrane into 7 mm or 8 mm holes (depending on the quality of the substrate) drilled centrally through the studs to a minimum depth of 50 mm. Newton Mesh Plugs are inserted into the holes and hammered flush with the membrane with a club hammer. Care must be taken not to over-hammer the plugs, which may cause 'mattressing' of the membrane.

17.3 Spacing between fixings should usually be a maximum of 250 mm. This is achieved by fixing in a square at 350 centres and then adding a plug in the centre of the square. However, on very flat walls, the horizontal and vertical centres can be moved out to 400 mm to achieve a maximum spacing of 300 mm when the centre plug is added.

17.4 The membrane is installed over windows and cut away to expose them, with proprietary liquid or physical DPM used to damp-proof the reveals. The joints between the wall membrane and the reveals are sealed with Waterseal Rope and Overtape.

17.5 In most cases, the techniques described in section 17.4 of this Certificate also apply for external door reveals. Where there is risk of water ingress or dampness to the head of the door other techniques will need to be employed and the Certificate holder should be contacted for specific advice.

17.6 Power cables, points and light switches should preferably be remounted in front of the membrane.

17.7 Newton 800 Profile Strip should be installed at the bottom of the installation to act as a stop to the plaster or render coat and to prevent bridging of the floor to the plaster in internal situations.

18 Plastering

18.1 The membrane should be plastered with a plaster recommended by the Certificate holder in accordance with BS 8481 : 2006, BS EN 13914-2 : 2005 and/or the appropriate BBA Certificate.

18.2 The plaster should be applied in three coats to a minimum total depth of 15 mm. Each coat should be scratched and left to dry before application of the next, to minimise the chance of cracking or crazing of the finish coat.

19 Rendering

19.1 The membrane should be rendered with a 6:1:1 mixture of sharp sand/cement/lime in accordance with BS 8481 : 2006.

19.2 The render should be applied in two coats, allowing 7 to 10 days between coats, to a minimum total depth of 15 mm.

20 Dry lining of walls

20.1 A gypsum-based drywall adhesive to BS EN 14496 : 2005 is mixed and applied in vertical strips over the fixing centres and in bands along the top and bottom of the membrane. The adhesive dabs are applied to a minimum thickness of 8 mm and should cover a minimum of 50% of the membrane and support all board edges. Mechanical fixing is required to laminated boards. The board manufacturer should be consulted.

20.2 Gypsum plasterboards to BS EN 520 : 2004, or similar dry lining boards which are the subject of a current BBA Certificate, are pressed onto the adhesive dabs and jointed in the usual manner. Temporary spacers approximately 25 mm high are positioned under the dry lining to support it during the cure period.

21 Finishing works

After the system has been installed and the walls dry lined, permanent decorations such as vinyl paper or oil paint may be applied. Temporary permeable decorations (necessary with traditional, cement-based waterproofers) are not necessary for use with this system.

Technical Investigations

22 Tests

Tests were carried out and the results assessed to determine:

- thickness
- impact resistance of plastered, rendered and plasterboard dry-lined membrane
- bond strength of mesh to membrane.

23 Investigations

23.1 A user survey of treated installations and contractors was conducted to establish the system's performance in use.

23.2 An assessment was made of the scope of use and durability of the system in relation to the generic properties of the membrane and investigations carried out previously on the Newton 508R membrane.

23.3 The manufacturing process was evaluated, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

Bibliography

BS 6576 : 2005 *Code of practice for diagnosis of rising damp in walls of buildings and installation of chemical dampproof courses*

BS 8481 : 2006 *Design, preparation and application of internal gypsum, cement, cement and lime plastering systems — Specification*

BS EN 520 : 2004 *Gypsum plasterboards — Definitions, requirements and test methods*

BS EN 13501-1 : 2018 *Fire classification of construction products and building elements — Classification using data from reaction to fire tests*

BS EN 13914-2 : 2005 *Design, preparation and application of external rendering and internal plastering — Design considerations and essential principles for internal plastering*

BS EN 13967 : 2012 *Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Plastic and rubber damp proof sheets including plastic and rubber basement tanking sheet — Definitions and characteristics*

BS EN 14496 : 2005 *Gypsum based adhesives for thermal/acoustic insulation composite panels and plasterboards — Definitions, requirements and test methods*

Property Care Association COP02 *Code of Practice for Installation of Remedial Damp-proof Courses in Masonry Walls*

Conditions of Certificate

Conditions

1. This Certificate:

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- continue to be checked as and when deemed appropriate by the BBA under arrangements that it will determine
- are reviewed by the BBA as and when it considers appropriate.

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- any works and constructions in which the product is installed, including their nature, design, methods, performance, workmanship and maintenance
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- any claims by the manufacturer relating to UKCA, UKNI or CE marking.

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